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MAERU FOR ASSISTANT ECRETARY EASM

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SUBJECT: VISI OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY EASUM TO MOZAMBIQUE

1. YOUR VISIT HAS NOW BEEN WELCOMED IN MEETINGS WHICH I HAD
WITH PRIME MINISTER CHISSANO AND HIGH COMMISSIONER CRESP
NOVEMBER 11. CHISSANO RECEIVED ME IN CORDIAL AND STRAIGHT-
FORWAR MANNER, APOLOGIZING FOR NOT REPLYING TO MY NOTE OF
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CONGRATULATIONS OF OCTOBR 9,BUT EXPAINING THAT HE HAD BEEN

INSTRUCTED BY FRELIMO IN DAR ES SALAAM THAT ALL FOREIGN RELATIONS WOULD BE HANDLED THERE. NEVERTHELESS, HE WELCOMED YOUR VISIT WHICH HE SAID WAS CONSIDERED BY HIS GOVERNMENT AS "INFORMAL" NOT "OFFICIAL".

2. HE LOOKED FORWARD TO RECEIVING YOU IN HIS OFFICE AND SUGGESTED MEETINGS WITH MINISTER OF ECONOMIC COORDINATION, EDUCATION AND OTHERS, POSSIBLY JOINTLY. CHISSANO SAID MOZAMBIQUE'S MAIN PROBLEM WAS "FINANCIAL", EXPLAINING THAT FACTORIES WERE CLOSING AND PRODUCTION DROPPING BECAUSE OF LACK OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE. ALTHOUGH THIS WOULD BE PRINCIPAL MATTER HIS GOVERNMENT WISHED TO DISCUSS WITH YOU, THEY WERE NOT IN POSITION TO MAKE SPECIFIC PROPOSALS CONCERNING FOREIGN AID, WHICH THEY WOULD HANDLE ON THE BASIS OF STUDYING ALL OF THE PROBLEMS AND COMING UP WITH A PROGRAM. AT THAT POINT IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO PARCEL OUT RESPONSIBILITIES AMONG VARIOUS AID DONORS (SUCH AS THE UNITED STATES AND CHINA) ACCORDING TO THEIR DESIRES AND CAPABILITIES. I REPLIED THAT USG WAS IN A SIMILAR SITUATION IN THAT WE WERE NOT IN A POSITION TO MAKE ANY OFFERS AND OUR METHOD OF OPERATION ALSO WAS TO STUDY THE PROBLEM FIRST. THUS ASSISTANT SECRETARY EASUM HAD DISCUSSED WITH PRESIDENT MACHEL THE POSSIBILITY OF SENDING AN ECONOMIC STUDY MISSION TO MOZAMBIQUE AT MUTUALLY AGREED TIME PRIOR TO INDEPENDENCE.

3. HIGH COMMISSIONER CRESPO, IN CONTRAST TO MY PREVIOUS MEETING WITH HIM, WAS MOST FORTHCOMING CONCERNING YOUR VISIT. HE SAID HE WOULD OFFER DINNER ON NIGHT OF YOUR ARRIVAL, WHICH WOULD ENABLE YOU TO MEET PRIME MINISTER AND OTHER MINISTERS SOCIALLY WITHOUT ANY PROBLEMS OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. (PRIME MINISTER HAD PREVIOUSLY TOLD ME HE REGRETTED HE COULD NOT ACCEPT INVITATION TO MY RECEPTION IN VIEW OF FACT WE DID NOT HAVE DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS.) HIGH COMMISSIONER SUGGESTED YOU CALL ON HIM AT HIS OFFICE PRIOR TO DINNER. HE OFFERED TO FACILITATE YOUR VISIT IN EVERY WAY AND SAID HE WOULD PROVIDE DETACHMENT FROM HIS PERSONAL SECURITY GUARD FOR RESIDENCE AND ESCORT AT AIRPORT.

4. COMMENT: FROM MEETING WITH CHISSANO, I AM CONVINCED THAT WE ARE OVER THE INITIAL HUMP CONCERNING CONVINCING FRELIMO
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AND TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT OF OUR GOOD WILL. INDEED, IT APPEARS THAT FRELIMO IS CONVINCED THAT EVERYBODY AND HIS COUSIN ARE FORMING A LINE TO PROVIDE FOREIGN AID TO MOZAMBIQUE UPON ITS INDEPENDENCE OR EVEN BEFORE. MOREOVER, EMPHASIS ON "FINANCIAL" AID IS SAME TALK WHICH AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADOR FROM LISBON GOT LAST WEEK FROM CHISSANO. (I AM TOLD HE EMPHASIZED AUSTRALIAN TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND TRAINING.) PROBLEM FOR YOUR VISIT, THEREFORE, IS HOW TO MAINTAIN MOMENTUM

OF GOOD RELATONS WITH FRLMO LEADERS NOW INITIAED AFTER
YEAR OF SUSPICIONANDEVEN HOSTILITY ON THEIR PART, WITHOUT
AROUSING EXPECTATIONS WHICHWE MAY BE UNABLE TO FULFILL.
FOR THIS REASON, AND IN VIEW OF CHISSANO'S SENSITIVITY CON-
CERNING HIS RELATIONS WITH SAMORA MACHEL IN DAR ES SALAAM
AND WITH PORTUGUESE, BELIEVEWE SHOULD DOWN PLAY ECONOMIC AID
ASPECTS OF YOUR VISIT IN ANY PUBLIC STATEMENTS OR INTERVIEWS.
(LOCAL PRESS HAS BEEN PLAYING TO HILT OFFERS OF "SUPPORT"
FROM AUSTRALIA, ITALY, JAPAN, INDIA, AS A METHOD OF BUILDING
CONFIDENCE IN TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT.)

5. WE ARE PREPARING BRIFING MATERIALS FOR YOU ON ECONOMIC
SITUATON.

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